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SUBJECT: PUBLICITY ON DIEGO GARCIA AGREEMENT

1. ROBERT CORMACK OF FCO DEFENSE DEPARTMENT HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE US AND UK BEGIN PLANS FOR DEVELOPING PRESS GUIDANCE AND HANDLING PUBLICITY OF THE NEW DIEGO GARCIA EXPANSION AGREEMENT. HE ASKED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- A) DO WE PLAN PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT WHEN THE AGREEMENT IS SIGNED?
- B) HOW MUCH TIME WILL ELAPSE BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT SUBMITS THE AGREEMENT TO CONGRESS? WOULD WE PLAN AN ANNOUNCEMENT AT THAT TIME? (FCO ESTIMATES ABOUT TWO MONTHS BEFORE THE AGREEMENT IS PUBLISHED HERE AND CIRCULATED IN PARLIAMENT).
- C) WOULD IT BE DESIRABLE OR PRACTICAL FOR THE US AND UK TO COORDINATE THE TIMING OF THE SUBMISSIONS TO CONGRESS AND PARLIAMENT?

2. COMMENT: CORMACK'S QUESTIONS AGAIN UNDERSCORE HMG'S CONTINUING CONCERN THAT PARLIAMENTARIANS HERE LEARN OF THE AGREEMENT IN ABOUT THE SAME MANNER AND AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME AS CONGRESSMEN IN WASHINGTON.

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